

you've got any questions of me, I'll be glad to answer them.

What's on my mind is peace. I hope someday that everybody will be able to coexist and respect each other's religions and work together for harmony. And I believe it's possible. And I know it's going to happen when young people put a—get their minds together and say, "Listen, let's make this work."

So I'm interested in your thoughts, and so is Laura. And we're pleased to be joined by Condoleezza.

And perhaps you'd like to say something to begin with?

Participant. Mr. President, Mrs. Bush, thank you so much for choosing to spend this time with us. This is an amazing opportunity, and I'm very honored and glad to be here. Congratulations, *mazel tov* for your daughter's wedding. [Laughter]

I think this museum comes to show how unique this land and this region is. It's so rich with history, the cradle of civilization. While on the other hand, we see that Israel is such a new, vibrant country, only 60 years old. And we're still building our country; nothing is for certain here. And we—I, my friends, we want peace; we want to see the world like—live in peace, especially in this region. And I do hope—and I guarantee that myself as, hopefully, a future leader will do the best I can, the best of my abilities in order to make it happen.

I think that it's for now. [Laughter]

The President. Thank you. You want to share some thoughts?

[At this point, another participant made brief remarks.]

The President. Thanks.

NOTE: The President spoke at 10:30 a.m. at the Bible Lands Museum Jerusalem. In his remarks, he referred to Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice.

Digest of Other White House Announcements

The following list includes the President's public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

May 10

In the morning, at the Bush Ranch in Crawford, TX, the President had an intelligence briefing.

May 11

In the morning, the President and Mrs. Bush returned to Washington, DC, arriving in the afternoon. While en route aboard Air Force One, he had separate telephone conversations with Gov. Matt Blunt of Missouri and Gov. Sonny Perdue of Georgia to discuss the recent storms and tornadoes in their States.

Later in the afternoon, the President had a telephone conversation with Gov. Brad Henry of Oklahoma to discuss the recent storms and tornadoes in the State.

May 12

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he had separate telephone conversations with President Dmitry Medvedev and Prime Minister Vladimir Putin of Russia. Then, in the Oval Office, he participated in a roundtable interview with foreign print media.

In the afternoon, in the Roosevelt Room, the President participated in an interview with Mark Knoller and Peter Maer of CBS Radio.

The President announced the designation of a U.S. honorary delegation to attend celebrations in honor of the 60th anniversary of the State of Israel on May 14 and 15 in Jerusalem, Israel.

May 13

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with President Hu Jintao of China. He then had an intelligence briefing. Later, in the Roosevelt Room, he participated in an interview with Mike Allen of *Politico* for Yahoo! News.

In the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush traveled to Tel Aviv, Israel, arriving the following morning.

The President announced his intention to nominate John R. Beyrle to be Ambassador to Russia.

The President announced his intention to nominate Rosemary A. DiCarlo to be the Alternate Representative of the United States for Special Political Affairs to the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador, and an Alternate Representative of the United States to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

The President announced his intention to nominate Carol A. Rodley to be Ambassador to Cambodia.

The President announced his intention to appoint Jan Donnelly O'Neill as a member of the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board.

The President announced his intention to designate Leland A. Strom as Chairman of the Farm Credit Administration Board.

May 14

In the morning, aboard Air Force One, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, after arriving in Tel Aviv, Israel, he and Mrs. Bush traveled to the King David Hotel in Jerusalem, Israel, arriving in the afternoon.

Later in the afternoon, the President traveled to the President's Residence. Later, he traveled to the Prime Minister's Residence. He then returned to the King David Hotel.

In the evening, the President and Mrs. Bush traveled to the ICC Jerusalem International Convention Center. Later, they returned to the King David Hotel.

The President declared a major disaster in Oklahoma and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms, tornadoes, and flooding beginning on May 10 and continuing.

May 15

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he and Mrs. Bush traveled to Masada, Israel, where they participated in a greeting with Prime Minister Ehud Olmert of Israel and his wife, Aliza. They all then visited Masada National Park.

Later in the morning, the President and Mrs. Bush participated in a gift presentation with Prime Minister Olmert and Mrs. Olmert. They then returned to the King David Hotel in Jerusalem, Israel.

In the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush traveled to the Knesset, where they participated in an arrival ceremony and met with Israeli Government officials. Later, they returned to the King David Hotel.

Later in the afternoon, the President met with Quartet Representative in the Middle East Tony Blair.

In the evening, the President and Mrs. Bush traveled to the Israel Museum, where they participated in a greeting with President Shimon Peres and Prime Minister Olmert of Israel and his wife, Aliza. They then toured the museum. Later, they attended a reception in honor of the 60th anniversary of the State of Israel.

Later in the evening, the President and Mrs. Bush traveled to the Prime Minister's Residence, where, in the dining room, they attended a social dinner with Prime Minister Olmert and Mrs. Olmert. Later, they returned to the King David Hotel.

The President announced the designation of the following individuals as members of a Presidential delegation to attend the Palestine Investment Conference in Bethlehem on May 21–23: Robert M. Kimmitt (head of delegation); John J. Sullivan; Robert A. Mosbacher, Jr.; Larry W. Walther; Walter Isaacson; and Ziad Asali.

May 16

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he and Mrs. Bush toured the Bible Lands Museum Jerusalem. They then traveled to Ben Gurion International Airport, where they participated in a greeting with President Shimon Peres and Prime Minister Ehud Olmert of Israel and his wife, Aliza.

Later in the morning, the President and Mrs. Bush traveled to Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, where, upon arrival in the afternoon at King Khaled International Airport, they participated in an arrival ceremony with King Abdallah bin Abd al-Aziz Al Saud of Saudi Arabia.

Later in the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush traveled to Al Janadriyah, Saudi Arabia, where, at Al Janadriyah Farm, they had lunch with King Abdallah. Later, he met with King Abdallah.

In the evening, the President had dinner with King Abdallah.

The White House announced that the President will welcome Prime Minister Sergei Stanishev of Bulgaria to the White House on June 18.

The White House announced that the President will welcome Prime Minister Jan Peter Balkenende of the Netherlands to the White House on June 5.

The President announced his intention to designate Michael O. Leavitt (chief delegate), William Raymond Steiger, and Warren W. Tichenor as U.S. delegates to the 61st World Health Assembly of the World Health Organization.

The President announced his intention to designate the following individuals as alternate U.S. delegates to the 61st World Health Assembly of the World Health Organization: Mark A. Abdoo; Gerald C. Anderson; Joxel Garcia; David E. Hohman; John E. Lange; Michael W. Miller; Penelope S. Royall; and Mary Lou Valdez.

Nominations Submitted to the Senate

The following list does not include promotions of members of the Uniformed Services, nominations to the Service Academies, or nominations of Foreign Service officers.

Submitted May 13

John R. Beyrle,
of Michigan, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Minister-Counselor,

to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Russian Federation.

Rosemary Anne DiCarlo,
of the District of Columbia, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Minister-Counselor, to be Alternate Representative of the United States of America for Special Political Affairs in the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador.

Rosemary Anne DiCarlo,
of the District of Columbia, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Minister-Counselor, to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations during her tenure of service as Alternate Representative of the United States of America for Special Political Affairs in the United Nations.

Carol Ann Rodley,
of Virginia, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Kingdom of Cambodia.

Checklist of White House Press Releases

The following list contains releases of the Office of the Press Secretary that are neither printed as items nor covered by entries in the Digest of Other White House Announcements.

Released May 12

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Dana Perino

Statement by the Press Secretary on the President's honorary delegation attending celebrations in honor of the 60th anniversary of the State of Israel on May 14–15 in Jerusalem, Israel